made on certain category of milk and milk products. Uncanned packages of butter and cheese, liquid milk in bottle and liquid beverages containing milk as an ingredient in bottle belong to this category.

Atrocities on SCs

632. SHRI SURESH KALMADI Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued special instructions to State Governments to take severe action against those who continue to perpetrate atrocities on Scheduled Caste particularly in view of the recent happenings in Fatehpur and Agra (Uttar Pradesh) and the surrounding areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against the law enforcing authorities against whom allegations have been made that all the arrested persons were 'Jatavs' and that no FIRs were lodged by taking the side of the upper castes?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) Instructions have been issued to the State Governments and Administrations of Union Territories from time to time, emphasising among other things, the following aspects:

(i) to take all measures as provided under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 so that the Act is enforced effectively.

(ii) To specify exclusive special courts in each district and also to ensure that the Special Public Prosecutors appointed under the Act deal only with cases under the Act so that there is day-to-day trial and the persons commiting offences are convicted within the shortest possible time.

(iii) To take precautionery, preventive, punitive and rehabilitative measures in the light of the existing instructions on the subject.

Every case of reported atrocity that comes to the notice of the central Government are taken up with the concerned State Government and the State Governments are advised to make sure that cases are filed under the provisions of the Atrocities Act, appropriate relief is given to the victims of atrocities and persons affected are also rehabilitated.

The Prime Minister has also sent a detailed letter to the Chief Ministers / Governors of the States on 19th June, 1990, wherein he had emphasised that Government cannot allow the perpetrators of crimes on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to continue to break laws and practise inhuman violence and get away with it.

(c) The information is being collected.

Demonstration by handicapped persons outside the P.M.'s house

633. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of visually handicapped under the banner of National Federation of the Blind held a demonstration outside the PM's house on July 16th, 1990 and submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister listing their demands; and

(b) if so, what are the details of their demands and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Please. The visually handicapped under the banner of National federation of the Blind held a demonstration on July 16, 1990 and submitted a memorandum listing their demands.

(b) The details of the demands and the Government's decision thereon are indicated in the statement enclosed herewith.

Statement

Demands of the National Federation of the Blind and decision of the Government thereon

The demands contained in memorandum dated 16-7-1990 of the National Federation of the Blind are listed below:—

(1) Immediate introduction of 'Legislation for the Disabled' in Parliament positively in Monsoon session.

(2) Filling up of backlog of vacancies reserved for the blind and giving employment to all the blind registered with employment exchanges and vocational rehabilitation centres throughout the country numbering about 3500 within a period of three months.

(3) All the blind Lower Division Clerks recruited as a result of special recruitment drive during the year 1987 be exempted from typewriting test and their services regularised.

The position in respect of above demands is given below:—

(1) A Bill for the enactment of legislation on the Rights and welfare of the Handicapped will be introduced in the Monsoon session of the Parliament.

(2) The Central Government had started in 1987 a special recruitment drive for filling up the backlog of vacancies reserved for the visually handicapped and hearing handicapped in Central Government Offices and Public Sector Undertakings. In the first phase, recruitment was carried out in respect of Central Government Offices in and around Delhi and subsequently in Bombay, Calcutta and Guwahati. A special examination for clearing the backlog of vacancies as on 1.4.1990 was conducted by the Staff Selection Commission at the instance of this Ministry on 17.6.1990. All out efforts are being made to clear the backlog of vacancies.

(3) Exemption to blind Lower Division Clerks from typewriting test was considered, but has not been agreed to. The matter is being reconsidered.

कुम्हार समुदाय का अनुसूचित जातियों / अनुसूचित जनजातियों की सूची में शामिल किया जाना

634. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या कल्याण मंत्री 29 अप्रैल, 1988 को राज्य सभा में दिये गये अतारांकित प्रश्न सं० 534 के उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) कुम्हार समुदाय को अनुसूचित जातियों / जनजातियों की सूची में शामिल किये जाने से संबंधित मामले की इस समय क्या स्थिति है;

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस संबंध में कोई अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुआ है; यदि हां, तो उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है;